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# Press Release

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## **SCAG OPENS NEW REGIONAL OFFICE IN VENTURA COUNTY**

**LOS ANGELES – December 17, 2008** – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) today announced the opening of a new regional office in Ventura, CA. Located at 950 County Square Drive, Suite 101, the regional office will offer public meetings and workshops regarding SCAG’s current plans and upcoming projects and serve an essential role in strengthening relationships with local planning partners.

“The opening of this Ventura County office represents the first in a series of steps for SCAG to connect in a real and meaningful way with the elected officials, business and community leaders and local planning partners in our region, said Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director of SCAG. “While we are very excited to establish this office, we do so mindful of the sudden loss on Tuesday morning of Port Hueneme Mayor Toni Young. In honor of her leadership and service to SCAG as a past President and Regional Council Member, a lasting memorial will be placed at SCAG’s Ventura County Regional Office.”

Ventura County serves as the gateway to one of only four designated national marine sanctuaries in the country and is home to major industries including agriculture, biotechnology, advanced technologies, manufacturing, tourism, military testing and development. The county is projected to grow by 76,000 households during the next two decades.

“The establishment of a SCAG regional office in Ventura goes a long way toward enhancing the county’s partnership with SCAG as we work to preserve our county’s significant natural assets while making new growth sustainable,” said Ventura County Supervisor and SCAG Regional Council Member Linda Parks.

“Regional planning does not take place in a vacuum,” said Richard Dixon, Lake Forest Council Member and SCAG President. “We want to strengthen our relationships with local

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government at all levels and generate greater interest and support for regional planning. You can expect to see more outreach activities, workshops and public meetings that will educate and provide information on how SCAG and regional planning aligns with the long-term growth plans of Ventura County while maintaining local control.”

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### **About SCAG**

SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 188 cities and more than 18 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG’s regional efforts, please visit [www.scag.ca.gov](http://www.scag.ca.gov).